

RapidRide

Highlights



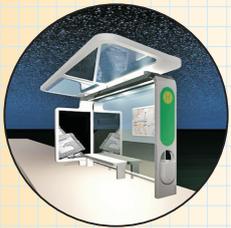
High frequency service most of the day, seven days per week will make it possible to use transit more spontaneously.



Bus priority measures will make transit faster and more reliable.



Unique, environmentally friendly buses will be used on RapidRide routes, using clean and green hybrid technology.



A higher level of passenger convenience and comfort will be provided, including improved shelters, lighting and real-time bus arrival signs.

Focus on West Seattle

State Route 99 currently offers a good transit connection between West Seattle and the downtown Seattle shopping district. However, when the Alaskan Way Viaduct is closed for reconstruction, West Seattle commuters will lose this connection. *RapidRide* service to West Seattle will maintain reliable access and provide other benefits as well.

The proposed *RapidRide* route will connect the West Seattle freeway to the SODO busway and down-town Seattle Transit tunnel, and will potentially provide a new connection through the tunnel to the University District. Stops will be consolidated and more prominent shelters erected at stations. Street improvements will be made to prioritize bus movements in West Seattle and major improvements will be needed to ensure a fast and reliable connection from the West Seattle freeway to Metro's SODO busway.

Benefits will include 10-minute service during the day, direct service to all of downtown, a potential new University of Washington connection, and an alternative to viaduct-related construction delays.

